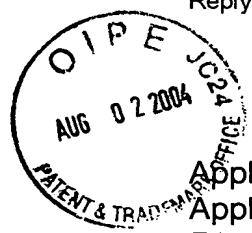


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Applicant : Jean-Luc Guyot
Filed : September 25, 2000
TC/A.U. : 3652
Examiner : STEVEN A. BRATLIE
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Docket No. : 32910
Customer No. : 000116

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Amendment "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 8, 2004.

The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on June 8, 2004.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for 2 month(s), to August 8, 2004. The \$420.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

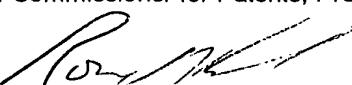
Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 15 of the paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.